

BANK CLERKS AT THE PINS

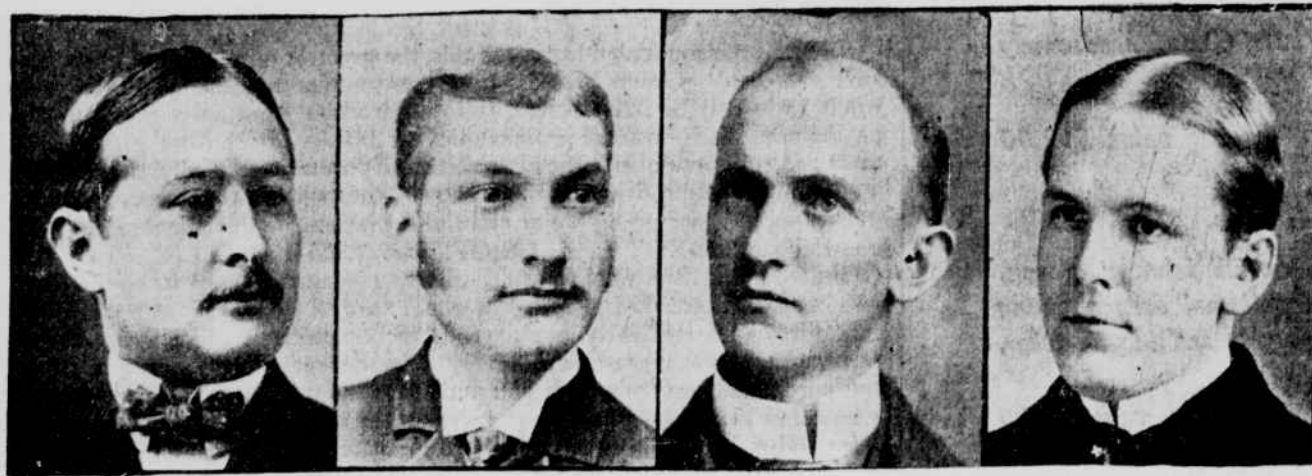
A LEAGUE IN WHICH THERE IS THE GREATEST INTEREST.

THE MEMBERSHIP IS TWENTY-ONE TEAMS, AND THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE WAITING LIST—CHAMPIONS OF THE PAST.

The Bank Clerks' Bowling League of all the "industrial" tournament organizations is founded on the firmest groundwork, and no matter whether the scores of its players be large or small, the interest in the tournament games is not exceeded by that of any of the other leagues. A visit to Reid's alleys, No. 200 Church-st., would convince the most sceptical of the bank clerks' enthusiasm, and the alleys are crowded with the financial bowlers and their friends on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

Besides the full twenty-one teams, representing twenty different banking institutions, there is so large a reserve force, composed of other banks having no teams entered in the regular league tournament this season that there is a movement on foot now to organize a bank clerks' sub-tournament.

SOME PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE BANK CLERKS' BOWLING LEAGUE



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ment, such as has been formed by the Council teams in the Brooklyn Royal Arcanum League. When one team was withdrawn from the schedule soon after the opening of the regular league tournament there were several applications ready for the vacant place, and the most worthy of the "waiting list" was taken into the schedule.

Long experience has taught managers of bowling tournaments that twenty-one teams is the best number for a schedule, three bowling in each evening's series. The Bank Clerks' Bowling League has limited its tournament to twenty-one teams, but there are nearly a score of other banks holding membership in the organization without being able to take part in the season's championship games.

BEGINNING OF THE LEAGUE.

The league was organized in 1890, but on a rather insecure footing, for it died an untimely death, and it was not until the winter of 1893-94 that it was reorganized. Since then, however, it has flourished, and each year has increased in its popularity. In the league's first year the team representing the Bank for Savings captured the championship, while L. E. Pierson, of the Hanover National Bank team, was declared the individual champion, as he had the highest average for the season.

In the second tournament, in the winter of 1894-95, just after the reorganization, the Citizens' Savings Bank team won the championship, and James B. Gallagher, of the Bank for Savings, the individual champion, on an average of 151.67. In 1894-95 the Bank for Savings again came to the front, and

seasons. This full schedule will be completed within the next two weeks, and the annual souvenir programme is expected early next month. This is edited under the supervision of president James S. Gross, of the Mount Morris Bank, a bowling enthusiast of the first water.

Every season a team of selected bowlers from the Bank Clerks' League rolls a match game late in the winter against a similar team selected from the best men in the Wholesale Drug Clerks' League, and already the bank clerks are looking to this fixture with considerable impatience. Last year they were beaten by the drug clerks, and they are practicing steadily with the hope of getting revenge this winter.

Another fixture to which the bowling bank clerks are already looking forward is the annual smoking concert held near the end of the season.

THE BOWLING RECORDS.

STANDING OF THE COMPETING TEAMS IN THE LEADING TOURNAMENTS.

The consistently good scores of the Corinthian team are gradually drawing them to the top, and in three of the four big bowling leagues these rollers are now among the leaders. Their work rolls are now among the most interesting features of the season up to date. In the American National and National leagues the Corinthian five has not lost a game yet, while in the Columbia tournament only one defeat has been scored against it. In the Harlem League tourney, however, its scores have

not been so good, and it stands well down in the list, with three victories and five defeats.

The record is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	High	Team	Won	Lost	High
Corinthian	4	0	334	Metropolitan	3	3	304
Empire	3	2	325	Brooklyn	3	3	302
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STANDING OF HARLEM LEAGUE TEAMS.

In the Harlem League tournament the Washington five has still a clean score with six victories, no defeats and a game of 99 pins to its credit. Close behind the leaders and tied for second place come the Knickerbocker and Riverside teams, each of which has won seven games and lost one.

The record follows:

Team	Won	Lost	High	Team	Won	Lost	High
Washington	6	0	300	Knickerbocker	5	1	301
Knickerbocker	5	1	301	Riverside	5	1	301
Riverside	5	1	301	Brooklyn	4	2	302
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THE COLUMBIA TOURNAMENT RECORD.

The Columbia tournament, which is a week further advanced than any of the others, has already begun to straighten out, with the Oriental team in the lead, having a clean record of eight victories and the highest score of the season, 1023 pins, to its credit. The Corinthian team stands second.

The record follows:

Team	Won	Lost	High	Team	Won	Lost	High
Oriental	8	0	1023	Corinthian	7	1	893
Corinthian	7	1	893	Brooklyn	6	2	882
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for the leadership in the National League tournament at Starr's alleys, No. 212 West Fifty-ninth-st., each having won four games without defeat.

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THE ARKINGTON NATIONAL TOURNEY.

The also five still holds the lead in the Arkington National tournament, with six victories and its clean score still unbroken. Close behind is the Bleecker team, with seven victories and one defeat, while the Edison team has won six and lost two games. The record follows:

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Arkington	6	0	334	Metropolitan	3	3	304
Empire	3	2	325	Brooklyn	3	3	302
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BROOKLYN ARCANUM "SUB" CONTESTS.

In the Brooklyn Royal Arcanum "sub" tournament, now being held at Carruthers's alleys, Fulton-st., Brooklyn, the New-York Council is in the lead with 4 games won and none lost, while Gilbert Council is second with 7 wins and 2 defeats. Gilbert Council was defeated by Lefferts in the week. East New-York Council will have to roll hard to win the championship. It meets Brevort and Fort Greene in the same evening. The Belford, Lefferts and Burnside will also come together this week. The standing follows:

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